NATIONAL POETRY SLAM 2010

SAINT PAUL, MN

AUGUST 3–7

ANOTHER PSI EVENT

the 21st annual

Official Program

THE SAINT PAUL

SOAP BOXING POETRY SLAM

Every 1st Monday

@ The Artists' Quarter

408 St. Peter Street, St. Paul

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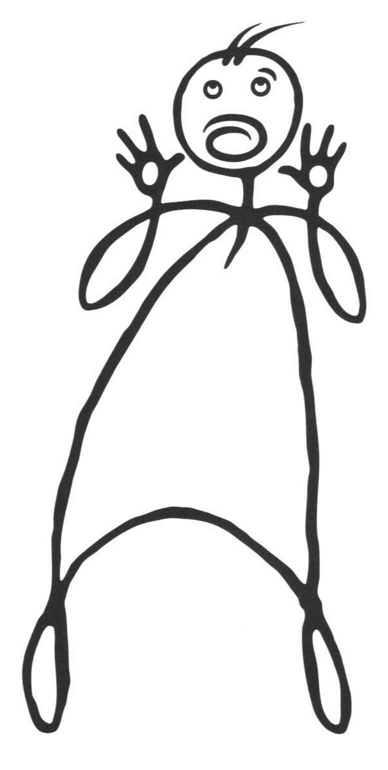
To say that we're happy to welcome you to our city would be a HUGE understatement. The 2010 National Poetry Slam staff has been buzzing with anticipation and excitement about what (and who) is coming to St. Paul, to shake the foundations of our city.

You are all welcome here. You—yes YOU poets, volunteers, audience… YOU are why we're doing all of this. We happily offer you our most sincere hospitality, as it is our wish that you feel at home, and have an absolute blast this week.

Some of us will be keeping score (because it's our job to do so), but we still understand that the points really don't matter. NPS is about POETRY. NPS is about sharing, hearing, experiencing, and learning—while simultaneously enjoying the community, camaraderie, and beauty of the Slam family, of which you are now a member. We hope you embrace this, and each other. The Slam family is proof that despite whatever differences we may have, we are all so very similar, and we all belong together.

Cheers,

Matthew Rucker
NPS 2010 Host City Coordinator



A Welcome
from the Saint Paul Convention and Visitor Authority

Welcome poetry slammers to the beautiful city of Saint Paul.
There's plenty here to do no matter where your interests fall.
History, museums, a theatre on the river.
We're glad you're in our city and we're ready to deliver.

History buffs become sponges in our city.
The tours are informative, the structures are pretty.
Check out the James J. Hill House or Landmark Center.
You'll be in awe of the Cathedral as soon as you enter.

Like most cities, Saint Paul has several "area" destinations.
Places you just have to make a part of your vacation.
Grand Avenue, West 7th, Selby and Lowertown.
Just get to these locations and enjoy walking around.

Of course we've got attractions you'll want to check out.
Science Museum and the State Capitol, we just have to tout.
History Center, Fort Snelling and Como Zoo.
Padelford River Boats, and Summit Avenue.

Rice Park in downtown, The Fitzgerald Theatre
All walkable from your hotel, no need to plug the meter.
Head to Harriet Island and feel the Mississippi flow.
Stop at Mounds Park and see the city's skyline glow!

Now let me suggest a few places to grab some eats.
Breakfast, lunch or dinner or even just sweets.
Saint Paul has a great collection of restaurants and pubs.
For a nice sit down dinner or just to grab some grub.

Trattoria Da Vinci and Pazzaluna offer Italian.
Eat two Nookie Supremes at the Nook and your friends will call you a stallion.
West 7th has many restaurants mostly offering burgers and beer.
Grand and Selby's are more diverse of an ethnic sphere.

Just looking for a bar? We have a lot of those too.
Cherokee Tavern is a great spot for a brew.
Barrio, Billy's Bulldog or Bin.
Find a spot, belly up and let the good times begin.

Slam each other with poetry; show no pity.
Enjoy your time in Saint Paul, it's a wonderful city.
If cities were gum, Saint Paul's the Plen-T Pack.
Enjoy your stay now but you can always come back!

Things to See & Do

Just in case you don't want your week to ONLY involve poetry, here are some other fun options. For more information on these and many other great things to see and do in the Twin Cities, go to www.visitsaintpaul.com.

Cathedral of St. Paul
239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-228-1766
www.cathedralsaintpaul.org

James J. Hill House
240 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-297-2555
www.mnhs.org/places/sites/jjhh

Mall of America
60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425
952-883-8800
www.mallofamerica.com

Minnesota Children's Museum
10 West 7th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-225-6001
www.mcm.org

Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev Dr MLK Jr. Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55155
651-296-2881
www.mnhs.org/places/sites/msc

Saint Paul Farmers' Market (Sat & Sun)
290 E 5th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101
651-227-8101
www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com

Science Museum Minnesota
120 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-221-9444
www.smm.org

Wabasha Street Cave Tour and Gangster Tour
215 Wabasha Street South, Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-224-1191
www.wabashastreetcaves.com

Things to Eat & Drink

∗ It would be awesome sauce if you were to support official NPS venues by eating and drinking there.

24 HOUR EATS

Mickey's Dining Car
American
36 W 7th St | 651-222-5633
Open all day, every day.

BREAKFAST AND...

Anita's Café
American
75 W 5th St / Landmark Center
651-292-4160
Breakfast and lunch every day.
Sidewalk seating available.

Café Minnesota
American
375 Kellogg Blvd / MN History Center | 651-296-9004
Breakfast and lunch Tue–Sun; Closed Mon.
Sidewalk seating available.

M ST. Café
American
350 Market St / Saint Paul Hotel
651-228-3855
Breakfast and lunch every day.
A four star restaurant with two star prices.

The Q Kindness Café
American
350 St. Peter St | 651-224-6440
Breakfast and lunch Mon–Sat.

COFFEE JOINTS

Black Dog Coffee & Wine Bar
308 Prince St | 651-228-9274
Open all day, every day.
Patio seating.

Dunn Bros.
367 Wabasha St | 651-767-0567
Mon–Sun 6 am–8 pm.
Sidewalk Grill M–F 11 am–1:30 pm.

RESTAURANTS

∗ Great Waters Brewing Co.
American
426 St. Peter St | 651-224-2739
Lunch and dinner every day.
Patio seating.

∗ POP!
American
6 West 6th St | 651-228-1002
Lunch and dinner Mon–Sat
Sidewalk seating.

∗ Wild Tymes Bar & Grill
American
33 West 7th Place | 651-224-8181
Lunch and dinner Mon–Sun.
Patio seating.

There are MANY restaurants (fast food and sit down) throughout the skyways. Don't be afraid to wander and experiment.

American Burger Bar
American
354 N Wabasha St | 651-222-2123
Lunch and dinner every day.

Barrio Tequila Bar
Mexican
235 E 6th St | 651-222-3250
Lunch and dinner Mon–Fri; Dinner only Sat–Sun. Sidewalk seating.

Fuji Ya
Japanese
465 Wabasha St | 651-310-0111
Lunch and dinner every day.

Keys Café & Bakery
American
500 N Robert St | 651-222-4083
7 days, breakfast, lunch & dinner.
Beer & wine.

Kincaid's
American Steak House
380 St. Peter St | 651-602-9000
Lunch Mon–Fri; Dinner every day.
Sidewalk seating.

Macy's River Room
American
411 Cedar St / Macy's Dept Store
651-292-5026
Lunch Mon–Sat.

Pazzaluna
Italian
360 St. Peter St | 651-223-7000
Dinner only, Mon–Sun.
Sidewalk seating.

Restaurant 11
American
11 E Kellogg Blvd / Crowne Plaza Hotel
651-292-1900
Lunch and dinner Mon–Sun.

Sakura
Japanese
350 St. Peter St | 651-224-0185
Lunch and dinner Mon–Sun.

The St. Paul Grill
American
350 Market St / Saint Paul Hotel
651-224-7455
Lunch and dinner Mon–Sun

Trattoria da Vinci
Italian
400 Sibley St | 651-222-4050
Lunch Tue–Fri; Dinner Tue–Sat; Closed Sun–Mon. Sidewalk seating.



Just in Case

GROCERIES:

Rivertown Market: 437 Wabasha St N | 651-224-4828

St. Paul Farmers' Market:
- 7th Place Mall (Thu, 10 am–1:30 pm)
- 290 E 5th St (Sat & Sun, 8 am–1 pm)

SMOKES AND PHARMACY AND STUFF:

Walgreens: 425 Wabasha St N | 651-224-6030

Candyland: 435 Wabasha St N | 651-292-1191

24 HOUR GAS & CONVENIENCE:

SuperAmerica: 296 E 7th St | 651-225-9567

Holiday Stationstores: 500 E 7th St | 651-224-6338

BOOZE:

Lowertown Wine & Spirits: 262 4th St E | 651-222-3661
They deliver.

Great Waters Brewing Company: 408 St. Peter St | 651-224-2739
They sell growlers (1/2 gallon jugs of beer)—including our own NPS beer.

PRINTING SERVICES:

Allegra Printing and Imaging: 56 6th St E, #203 | 651-222-8004

Cedar Business Printing: 401 N Robert St, #211 | 651-293-3904

(These are both in the skyway)

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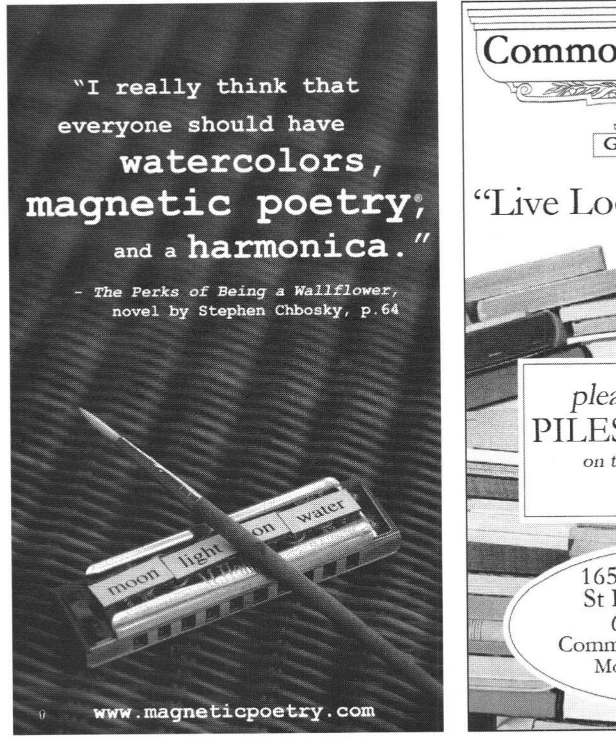
Wells Fargo Bank: 430 Wabasha St N | 651-205-7583

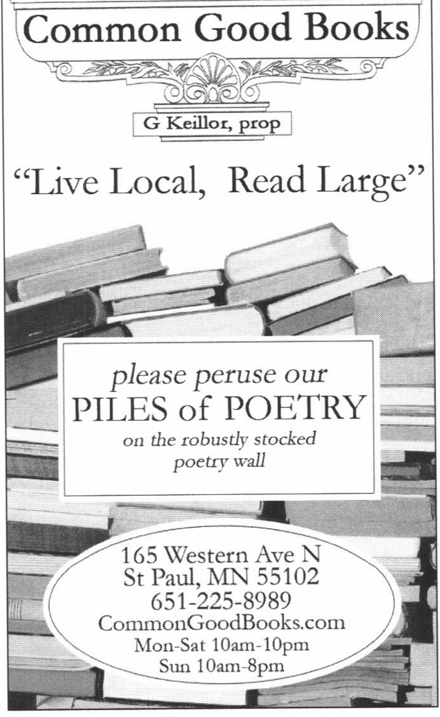
US Bank: 101 5th St E | 651-466-8330

POLICE:

St. Paul Police Department (Central District): 367 Grove St. | 651-266-5563

Downtown Patrol Unit (Substation): 401 Robert Street, Suite #279
651-292-6011 or 651-266-5785


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- The Perks of Being a Wallflower, novel by Stephen Chbosky, p.64
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St Paul, MN 55102
651-225-8989
CommonGoodBooks.com
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Sun 10am-8pm

Poetry Slam Inc.

says,

"Good luck!"

to all of the NPS 2010 poets.



Upcoming PSI events:

INDIVIDUAL WORLD POETRY SLAM
Oct 13–16, 2010, Philadelphia, PA

WOMEN OF THE WORLD POETRY SLAM
March 10–13, 2011, Columbus, OH

NATIONAL POETRY SLAM
Aug 9–13, 2011, Boston/Cambridge, MA

www.poetryslam.com

Code of Honour

(Because we all want to get along)

As a participant in any PSi event, I agree:

1. To revel in an environment in which freedom of speech, self-determination, and pursuit of creative excellence are inalienable rights.

2. To participate in all PSi events in a way that encourages, illuminates and supports established standards of good sportsmanship. To refuse to allow the competitive challenge of the game to lead me to violence, interference, or direct threats. To allow all participants to pursue their craft peacefully and without censure, regardless of present team associations or past personal history.

3. To comply with local, state and federal laws pertaining to individual civil rights and physical or sexual harassment.

4. To abide by competition rules as defined by Poetry Slam, Inc., knowing that the consequences for breaking the rules exist and are upheld. Penalties will be determined by the severity of the infraction, and the ruling of the presiding PSi Protest Committee and/or the PSi Executive Council.

5. To be a fair poet–one who in competition is fair and generous, one who in any connection has recourse to nothing illegitimate; a poet who in defeat demonstrates grace and in victory magnanimity.

"Remember: The show and the show's effect upon the audience are more important than any one individual's contribution to it." — Marc Smith

What is Poetry Slam?

WHAT SLAM IS

Poetry Slam is competitive spoken word performance poetry. It puts a dual emphasis on both writing and performance.

Though rules vary from slam to slam, the basic rules are:

- Competing poets have 3 minutes (plus a 10 second grace period) to perform one poem of their own construction. They may not use props, costumes or musical accompaniment.
- Each poem/performance is then given a score (on a scale of 0.0 to 10.0) by five "judges" who are audience members randomly selected by the emcee at the beginning of the Slam.
- The high and low scores are dropped, giving the poet a score ranging between 0 and 30.
- Most Slams have two or three elimination rounds. The highest scoring poets at the end of the Slam win prizes.

WHAT SLAM IS NOT

Slam is not a serious academic critique on literary skill. It is a game, a show, and a means for poets to share their work with an engaged audience.

Slam is not an insult filled hip hop battle. Slam is not rap. Though some poets use elements of hip hop in their writing, Slam is a literary art form, not music.

Slam is not poets making things up as they go along. Weeks, and sometimes months, are spent writing, memorizing and even choreographing a performance.

Slam is not a bunch of angry performers yelling about social issues. Slams bring an incredibly diverse array of demographics, voices, styles, topics and points of view.

How Does NPS Work?

The National Poetry Slam is a team competition. Each team consists of 4–5 poets and a coach. NPS 2010 will involve 76 teams from around North America.

Each Slam "bout" involves 4 teams (5 in semifinals). Each team presents 4 poems per bout—performed either by an individual poet, or a "group piece" which is one poem performed by 2 or more poets. The team with the highest cumulative score from all 4 rounds, wins the bout. Every team competes in 2 preliminary bouts from August 3rd to the 5th.

The 20 teams with the highest cumulative scores from both of their preliminary bouts will compete in one of 4 semifinal bouts on Friday, August 6th.

The winning team from each of those semifinal bouts will compete against each other at team finals on August 7th at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium.

The winning team will get a wad of cash, a super cool trophy, and the respect and admiration of Slam poets and fans worldwide—at least for a year, until the next NPS.

The Teams

Albuquerque, NM
ABQ Slam

Amarillo, TX
Slamarillo

Amherst, MA
Hampshire Co. Slam

Atlanta, GA
Art Amok!

Austin, TX
Austin Poetry Slam

Austin, TX
neo soul

Baton Rouge, LA
Eclectic Truth

Berkeley, CA
Berkeley Poetry Slam

Boise, ID
Boise Poetry Slam

Boston, MA
Cantab Poetry Slam

Boston, MA
Lizard Lounge

Charlotte, NC
SlamCharlotte

Charlotte, NC
Respect da Mic

Chicago, IL
Green Mill

Chicago, IL
Mental Graffiti

Chino, CA
Lionlike MindState

Cleveland, OH
Team Cleveland

Columbus, OH
Writers Block

Columbus, OH
Writing Wrongs



Dallas, TX
Team Dallas

Decatur, GA
Java Monkey

Delray Beach, FL
Poets Anonymous

Denver, CO
Denver Mercury Slam

Denver, CO
Slam Nuba

Detroit, MI
Neo/By This Slam

Durham, NC
Bull City Slam

El Paso, TX
The Percolator Slam

Fairfield, CA
Life Sentence Slam

Fayetteville, AR
Ozark Poetry Slam

Flagstaff, AZ
Flagslam

Fort Worth, TX
Fort Worth Poetry Slam

Honolulu, HI
Hawaii Poetry Slam

Houston, TX
Houston Poetry Slam

Houston, TX
VIP

Irving, TX
Dallas Poetry Grind

Killeen, TX
Killeen Poetry Slam

Long Branch, NJ
Loser Slam

Los Angeles, CA
Brass Knuckles

The Teams

Lowell, MA
Mill City Slam

Madison, WI
Madison Slam

Manchester, NH
Slam Free or Die

Mesa, AZ
Mesa Slam Team

Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Poetry Slam

Minneapolis, MN
SlamMN!

Minneapolis, MN
Punch Out Poetry Slam

New Orleans, LA
Slam New Orleans

New York, NY
Intangible Slam

New York, NY
Louder Arts

New York, NY
Nuyorican

New York, NY
Urbana

Oakland, CA
Oakland Poetry Slam

Oklahoma City, OK
Red Dirt Poetry Slam

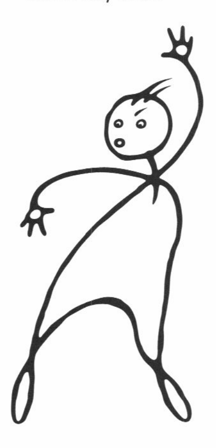
Oklahoma, OK
Word Pulp

Omaha, NE
Omaha Healing Arts Slam

Orlando, FL
Orlando Poetry Slam

Palatine, IL
Palatine Poetry Slam

Pittsburgh, PA
Steel City Slam



Portland, ME
Second Tuesday Slam

Portland, OR
Portland Poetry Slam

Providence, RI
Providence Slam

Richmond, VA
SlamRichmond

Richmond, VA
Slam Nahuatl

St. Paul, MN
Soap Boxing

Salt Lake City, UT
Salt City Slam

San Antonio, TX
Puro Slam

San Diego, CA
San Diego Slam Team

San Jose, CA
San Jose Poetry Slam

Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Poetry Slam

Seattle, WA
Seattle Poetry Slam

Silver City, NM
Silver City Slam

Spokane, WA
Spokane Poetry Slam

Toronto, ON
Toronto Poetry Slam

Tucson, AZ
Tucson Ocotillo Slam

Vancouver, BC
Vancouver Poetry Slam

Washington DC
11th Hour Poetry Slam

Winston Salem, NC
Piedmont Poetry Slam

Schedule: Condensed

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
AUG. 2	12 pm–3 pm	Early Registration	HG
	4 pm–5 pm	Orientation	HG
	8 pm–2 am	Welcoming Party	WT
	8 pm–2 am	Open Stage	AQ
AUG. 3	10 am–2 pm	Late Registration	HG
	12 pm–2 pm	Opening Ceremonies	MP
	1 pm–2:30 pm	Rookie Open Mic	AQ
	3 pm–4 pm	Orientation	HG
	5 pm–6 pm	Volunteer Orientation	AQ
	7 pm–9 pm	**Preliminary Bouts**	**AQ, CP, GW, LL, PP, WT**
	9 pm–11 pm	**Preliminary Bouts**	**AQ, CP, GW, LL, PP, WT**
	11:30 pm–2 am	Encyclopedia Show	AQ
	11:30 pm–2 am	Limerick Battle	WT
AUG. 4	10 am–11:30 am	The Mamas & The Papas	LL
	11 am–12:30 pm	Co-Lab	CP
	11:45 am–1:15 pm	Volunteer Open Mic	LL
	12 pm–1 pm	Spoken Word Poetry & Activism	PL
	12 pm–2 pm	African Heritage Showcase	AQ
	1 pm–2 pm	Spoken Word & Slam in the Twin Cities	PL
	1 pm–2:30 pm	12 Tribes/Jewish Showcase	CP
	1:30 pm–3 pm	Head to Head Haiku	LL
	2:15 pm–3:45 pm	Performance Panel	AQ
	7 pm–9 pm	**Preliminary Bouts**	**AQ, CP, GW, LL, PP, WT**
	9 pm–11 pm	**Preliminary Bouts**	**AQ, CP, GW, LL, PP, WT**
	11:30 pm–2 am	Hip Hop HQ	AQ
	11:30 pm–2 am	Slam Masters Slam	WT

AQ = Artists' Quarter
CP = Camp
FT = Fitzgerald Theater
GW = Great Waters
HG = Hilton Garden Inn
HI = Harriet Island
HT = History Theatre
LL = Lowry Lab
MP = Mears Park
MS = McNally Smith
PL = Public Library
PP = POP!
RW = Roy Wilkins
WT = Wild Tymes

** Venue details on pg. 27*

Schedule: Condensed

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
AUG. 5	10 am–11:45 am	Grief and Remembrance Open Mic	LL
	11 am–12:30 pm	GLBT Open Mic	CP
	12 pm–1:30 pm	Persona Poem Open Mic	AQ
	12 pm–1:30 pm	Engaging Youth w/ Spoken Word:	PL
	12 pm–2 pm	Techbook Online Green Awareness Slam	LL
	1 pm–2:30 pm	Latino & Indigenous Showcase	CP
	1 pm–2:30 pm	Performance Workshop	HG
	1:30 pm–3 pm	Teen Spoken Word Workshop	PL
	2 pm–3:45 pm	Nerd Slam	AQ
	7 pm–9 pm	**Preliminary Bouts**	**AQ, CP, GW, LL, PP, WT**
	9 pm–11 pm	**Preliminary Bouts**	**AQ, CP, GW, LL, PP, WT**
	11:30 pm–2 am	Erotic Showcase	AQ
	11:30 pm–2 am	DecathaSlam	WT
AUG. 6	10 am–12 pm	Publishing 101	LL
	10 am–12 pm	SlamMaster Meeting	HG
	11 am–12:30 pm	Women's Showcase	CP
	12 pm–1 pm	Comedy Panel	AQ
	12 pm–2 pm	Youth Slam	LL
	1 pm–2:30 pm	New Sh*t Reading	CP
	1 pm–2:30 pm	Performance Workshop	HG
	1 pm–3 pm	Comedy Showcase	AQ
	3 pm–4:30 pm	The Legends Showcase	AQ
	8 pm–10 pm	**Semifinals**	**AQ, FT, HT, MS**
	10 pm–12 am	**Group Piece Finals**	**FT**
AUG. 7	10 am–12 pm	Slam Family Meeting	HG
	12:30 pm–2:30 pm	Slam Family Picnic	HI
	1 pm–2:30 pm	Asian & Pacific Islander Open Mic	LL
	8 pm–10:30 pm	**Team Finals**	**RW**
	10 pm–2 am	Final Night Party	WT

Schedule: Expanded

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

Opening Ceremonies

12 pm–2 pm at Mears Park

Get a taste of what is to come, as we launch the week with pomp and poetry.

Rookie Open Mic

1–2:30 pm at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Scott Woods

Watch as the newest crop of NPS poets show the old timers how it's done. Rookie team members only!

Preliminary Bouts (see pg. 28 for bout matchups)

7 pm–9 pm & 9 pm–11 pm at: Artists' Quarter, Camp, Great Waters, Lowry Lab, POP!, Wild Tymes

The Encyclopedia Show

11:30 pm–2 am at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Robbie Q & Shanny Jean

The Encyclopedia Show is a live variety extravaganza that commissions a rotating cast of local and touring artists and experts from many disciplines to use their individual talents to present a different verbal encyclopedia entry each month. Founded in Chicago and with new shows popping up across the country, we are delighted to have you join us for the St. Paul debut Series 1, Volume 1: Bears.

Limerick Battle

11:30 pm–2 am at Wild Tymes
Hosted by Amy David

If you think free verse poems are a sham, or want stage time because you're a ham, leave the three-minute curse, write your best rhyming verse, and come to the Limerick Slam!

Schedule: Expanded

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

The Mommas and the Poppas Open Mic

10 am–11:30 am at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by Jesse Parent

This is a reading to celebrate the joys, the tragedies, and the general whatevers of being a parent. Come with tales of diaper woes, teenage angst, sleepless nights, and the victories and losses that go with the everyday battles of having a child or twelve.

Two heads are better than one: The Collaborative Works Show! (Co-Lab)

11 am–12:30 pm at Camp
Hosted by poetry ukulele duo Your Dad's Friends

An open reading showcasing collaborative work from group poems, to beat boxers, to poet and musician combos. Anything goes as long as it's a group effort.

Volunteer Open Mic

11:45 am–1:15 pm at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by Casandra Tanenbaum

Our NPS volunteers work hard to make this a great event but now they get their shot at taking the stage.

Spoken Word Poetry and Activism: Discussion

12 pm–1 pm at the St. Paul Public Central Library
Facilitated by Moira Pirsch of Voices Merging

Many rallies and activist-oriented events today are showcasing spoken-word talent. While this is a positive development, how can we make sure that this partnership is organic and effective? What roles can spoken-word and slam play in a real movement for social justice?

Schedule: Expanded

(AUG. 4 cont.)

African Heritage Showcase

12 pm–2 pm at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Billy Tuggle and Ibé Kaba

An open reading celebrating voices and poems of Africa and the Diaspora—American, Caribbean, European, worldwide.

Spoken Word and Slam in the Twin Cities: Discussion

1 pm–2 pm at the St. Paul Public Central Library
Facilitated by Cole "Inky" Sarar

The Twin Cities has a long history of spoken-word. What is going on today? Where is the scene headed? How can new folks get involved? Let's build.

12 Tribes/Jewish Showcase

1 pm–2:30 pm at Camp Bar
Hosted by Paulie Lipman

An open reading showcasing the voices and poetry of the Jewish members of the spoken word community.

Head to Head Haiku

1:30 pm–3 pm at the Lowry Lab

At NPS, Haiku Poetry is SERIOUS BUSINESS. See if you have what it takes to be crowned the 15th annual national Head to Head Haiku champion or just sit back and take in one of the most competitive NPS day events. To compete until the end you must have at least 35 Haiku. Lottery sign up for 15 poets. Haiku Death Matches to determine the 16th spot. Hosted by Tazuo: 2x National Head to Head Haiku Champion and the official Gyoji of all National Head to Head Haiku matches. More info: myspace.com/HeadtoHeadHaiku

Performance Panel

2:15 pm–3:45 pm at the Artists' Quarter
Moderated by Daemond Arindell, Thadra Sheridan, Alvin Lau, and Mona Webb

A discussion about how to best shine on stage, and effectively bring a page poem to the stage.

This panel is to be followed up by performance workshops on Thursday and Friday from 1 pm until 2:30 pm, at the Hilton Garden Inn City Center's Phalen room.

Schedule: Expanded

Preliminary Bouts (see pg. 29 for bout matchups)

7 pm–9 pm & 9 pm–11 pm at: Artists' Quarter, Camp, Great Waters, Lowry Lab, POP!, Wild Tymes

Hip Hop Headquarters

11:30 pm–2 am at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Guanté & Tish Jones with special feature performances by No Bird Sing & Kristoff Krane

From poems about hip hop to just straight-up rapping over beats, this is an open reading showcasing the hip hop side of poetry.

SlamMasters Slam

11:30 pm–2 am at Wild Tymes
Hosted by Minneapolis Slam Master Allison Broeren

SlamMasters are generally so busy running their shows that they don't have time to actually perform. This show is their chance to shine.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

Grief and Remembrance Open Mic

10 am–11:45 am at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by Ms Spelt (Vancouver BC)

In this reading we honor grief and loss, remembering loved ones who have experienced tragedy or passed on.

Queer the Mic (GLBT Open Mic)

11 am–12:30 pm at Camp
Hosted by Lindsay Miller and Kevin Koaz Moore

An open reading celebrating the poems and voices of the GLBTQ members of the spoken word community.

Masquerade Open Mic (Persona Poem Open Mic)

12 pm–1:30 pm at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Christian Drake

Not feeling like yourself? Share the work written by you in the voice of another. It's like playing dress up but with poetry!

(AUG. 5 cont.)

Engaging Youth with Spoken Word: Discussion

12 pm–1:30 pm at the St. Paul Public Central Library
Facilitated by Curtis Meyer and Kyle "Guanté" Myhre

Some of the most exciting youth work happening in the country today utilizes spoken-word to help cultivate self-confidence, leadership skills and community involvement, not to mention writing and performance talent. Come share strategies and brainstorm new ones.

Is it Green Enough? The Techbook Online Global Green Awareness Slam

12 pm–2 pm at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by K-ruckus

The "Is it Green Enough Slam" is a new, innovative component to the traditional poetry slam. Poets will develop poems that relate to global decline and global poverty. The winner will be the one who the audience decides has poems that are Green Enough! Open sign up.

Tech Book Online is a company dedicated to illuminating and extinguishing the correlation between global poverty and environmental decline.
Visit www.techbookonline.com for more details.

Latino & Indigenous Showcase

1 pm–2:30 pm at Camp
Hosted by Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria of Palabristas

An open reading celebrating the voices and poetry of Latino and Indigenous people.

Performance Workshop

1 pm–2:30 pm in the Hilton Garden Inn City Center - Phalen room

Brush up your performance skills with some of the most accomplished coaches in the country. Get tips, feedback, and face to face work shopping from people who have helped shape indie champions and brought teams to finals. Come with an open mind and whatever you plan to rock this week, and we will help you give the performance of your life. Daemond Arindell, Thadra Sheridan, Alvin Lau, and Mona Webb run this intensive daily workshop to help competitors achieve a higher level of performance than they knew they had in them.

Schedule: Expanded

Teen Spoken Word Workshop

1:30 pm–3 pm at the St. Paul Public Central Library
Facilitated by Kyle "Guanté" Myhre and other top slam poets

Experienced spoken word veterans help inspire young poets.

Nerd Slam

2 pm–3:45 pm at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Shappy Seasholtz and Robbie Q

This open reading is all about the Nerd. Comic Books, Video games, Science Fiction and Fantasy. These are the muses of the Nerd Poet. Pick your area of Nerd Expertise and go head to head in a trivia battle with other Nerds for your chance on the mic.

Preliminary Bouts (see pg. 30 for bout matchups)

7 pm–9 pm & 9 pm–11 pm at: Artists' Quarter, Camp, Great Waters, History Theatre, Lowry Lab, POP!, Wild Tymes

Erotic Showcase

11:30 pm–2 am at the Artists' Quarter

The hottest night in St. Paul history. A late night for lovers of the flesh whose carnal desires know no boundaries. Come celebrate the mistress we all miss by sharing the works she loved the most. Get your bunny on. Revealing attire desired. Join in the fun with your oiled up, shirtless, body glittered, hot beef cake hosts—Mike Henry, Roger Bonair-Agard, and Jason Carney. This is an ADULTS ONLY event. Take your penicillin.

DecathaSlam

11:30 pm–2 am at Wild Tymes
Hosted by 6 is 9, Jesse Parent and J W Baz

If only there were some way to explain this event. Imagine that there are hecklers, an eating contest, interpretive dance, a fashion show, a rap battle, sit-ups and a room full of poets going crazy for it. All or none of these things might happen. There will be poetry though, oh yes, indeed.

Schedule: Expanded

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Publishing 101

10 am–12 pm at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz, Mahogany Browne, Anis Mojgani, Karen Finneyfrock

Interested in taking your writing beyond the stage? Four of slam's most active writers will speak and answer your questions about publishing: from submitting poems to lit journals, to working with a lit agent, to publishing and touring behind a full-length book, to applying for grants, fellowships and residencies. Representatives from both Penmanship Books and Write Bloody Publishing are on the panel. Come with questions and bring a notebook!

Women's Showcase

11 am–12:30 pm at Camp
Hosted by Vernell Bristow and Desdamona

An open reading celebrating the voices and poetry of women.

Comedy Panel

12 pm–1 pm at the Artists' Quarter

A discussion about how to add humor to your body of work from the folks who do it best. Panel Members include Shappy, Robbie Q, Thadra Sheridan, and Big Poppa E. Come with questions leave a hilarious poet.

Youth Slam

12 pm–2 pm at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by the Minnesota Spoken Word Association

Come and see the next generation of slam in action!

The New Sh*t Reading "The Birth of Verse"

1 pm–2:30 pm at Camp
Hosts: Emily Kagan-Trenchard and Cheryl Madelena

Tired of hearing the same poems year after year? Wish there was a place at Nationals to get feedback more specific than an 8.6? Bring it raw and uncut to The New Sh*t Reading, a celebration of new work. World premiers only! The audience will be equipped with comment cards so that they can give constructive feedback on the poem. Risk takers, craft junkies and revision hounds welcome.

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Schedule: Expanded

(AUG. 6 cont.)

Comedy Showcase

1 pm–3 pm at the Artists' Quarter
Hosted by Andy Brynildson and Big Poppa E

Slam poetry and stand-up comedy have more in common than you might think. While slam sometimes has a reputation for super-seriousness and tackling heavy issues, there's also a lighter side. Got a funny poem to share? This is the open mic to do it at.

The Legends Showcase

3 pm–4:30 pm at the Artists' Quarter

Come listen to some of the most respected voices in the slam community

Semifinal Bouts

8 pm–10 pm at: Artists' Quarter, Fitzgerald Theater, History Theatre, McNally Smith Auditorium

The 20 top scoring teams battle for the #1 spot that will get them to finals stage.

Group Piece Finals

10 pm–12 am at the Fitzgerald Theater

The teams with the highest scoring group pieces battle for the top spot. A group piece is a poem performed by two or more poets.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Asian & Pacific Islander American Showcase

1 pm–2:30 pm at the Lowry Lab
Hosted by Bao Phi

An open reading celebrating Asian & Pacific Islander American poems and voices.

Team Finals

8 pm–10:30 pm at the Legendary Roy Wilkins Auditorium

The top four teams go toe-to-toe in the biggest poetic battle of the year.

The Venues

By city ordinance, all venues in Saint Paul are tobacco free and handicap accessible.

The Artists' Quarter
408 St. Peter Street | 651-292-1359 (map #1)

A cool underground jazz club, with a 'dark and moody' atmosphere. (18+)

Camp
490 North Robert Street | 651-292-1844 (map #2)

A casual yet upscale (and kinda campy) night-club that provides great entertainment. (21+)

Fitzgerald Theater
10 East Exchange Street | 651-290-1200 (map #3)

Home to Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" and *much* more. (All ages)

Great Waters Brewing Company (banquet facility)
408 St. Peter Street | 651-224-2739 (map #1)

While you're here - try a pint of a special beer developed just for NPS 2010. (18+)

** Note: This is the banquet facility below Great Waters bar/restaurant, down the hall from the Artists' Quarter.*

Hilton Garden Inn St. Paul City Center
411 Minnesota Street | 651-605-0263 (map #4)

The NPS 2010 host hotel. And that's pretty darn cool. (All ages)

History Theatre
30 East 10th Street | 651-292-4323 (map #5)

An award-winning professional theater. It's also cozy, despite its size. (All ages)

The Legendary Roy Wilkins Auditorium
175 West Kellogg Blvd. | 651-265-4800 (map #6)

It has hosted some of the most recognizable performers in entertainment history. (All ages)

The Lowry Lab Theater
355 Wabasha Street North | 651-468-9888 (map #7)

A nonprofit performance space developed by an organization with a noble mission. (All ages)

** Note: Please don't mistake The 'Lowry Lab' Theater for the 'Lowry' Theater, as they are in the same building. The Lowry Lab can be accessed via St. Peter or Wabasha St.*

McNally Smith College of Music Auditorium
19 Exchange Street East | 651-291-0177 (map #5)

A cozy theater with a large capacity used for music performances and workshops (All ages)

** Note: This auditorium is right next to the History Theatre. Please enter on 10th St.*

Mears Park
6th & Sibley (map #8)

This park is a vital part of Lowertown— St. Paul's premiere Arts district. (All ages)

POP!
6 West 6th Street | 651-228-1002 (map #9)

A hip and stylish restaurant with a great atmosphere and fantastic food. (18+)

St. Paul Public Central Library
90 West 4th Street | 651-266-7000 (map #10)

The largest (and most beautiful) branch in the Saint Paul Public Library system. (All ages)

Wild Tymes
33 7th Place | 651-224-8181 (map #11)

Burgers, sandwiches, salads, handmade pizza's, and live music Thurs thru Sat. (18+)

Preliminary Bouts

TUESDAY, AUG. 3	Bout 1 7:00 PM–9:00 PM	Bout 2 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Artists' Quarter	Baton Rouge, LA Minneapolis, MN - POP St. Paul, MN New York, NY - Urbana	Irving, TX New York, NY - Intangible Killeen, TX New York - Nuyorican
Camp	Austin, TX Fort Worth, TX Minneapolis, MN Tucson, AZ	Houston, TX San Antonio, TX Oklahoma City, OK Denver, CO - Nuba
Great Waters	Chicago, IL - Green Mill New York, NY - Louder Winston Salem, NC Dallas, TX	Austin, TX Manchester, NH Pittsburgh, PA Columbus, OH - W.B.
Lowry Lab Theater	Honolulu, HI Seattle, WA Richmond, VA Vancouver, BC	Boston, MA - Cantab Denver, CO - Mercury Madison, WI Lowell, MA
POP!	Chino, CA Salt Lake City, UT Toronto, ON Columbus, OH - W.W.	Los Angeles, CA Amherst, MA New Orleans, LA Spokane, WA
Wild Tymes	Milwaukee, WI Palatine, IL Charlotte, NC - Respect Amarillo, TX	Washington DC Atlanta, GA Boise, ID Delray Beach, FL

Preliminary Bouts

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4	Bout 1 7:00 PM–9:00 PM	Bout 2 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Artists' Quarter	Portland, OR Portland, ME Charlotte, NC Houston, TX - VIP	Winston Salem, NC Minneapolis, MN - POP Charlotte, NC - Respect Richmond, VA
Camp	Decatur, GA Fairfield, CA Mesa, AZ El Paso, TX	Milwaukee, WI Seattle, WA New York, NY - Urbana Columbus, OH - W.W.
Great Waters	Durham, NC Fayetteville, AR Santa Cruz, CA Oklahoma, OK	Boston, MA - L.L. Omaha, NE Providence, RI Orlando, FL
Lowry Lab Theater	Berkeley, CA Long Branch, NJ Detroit, MI Oakland, CA	Baton Rouge, LA Honolulu, HI New York, NY - Louder Toronto, ON
POP!	Chicago, IL - M.G. San Diego, CA Silver City, NM Richmond, VA - Nahuatl	Chicago, IL - Green Mill Salt Lake City, UT Amarillo, TX Vancouver, BC
Wild Tymes	Albuquerque, NM Flagstaff, AZ San Jose, CA Cleveland, OH	Chino, CA Palatine, IL St. Paul, MN Dallas, TX

Preliminary Bouts

THURSDAY, AUG. 5	Bout 1 7:00 PM–9:00 PM	Bout 2 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Artists' Quarter	Atlanta, GA Amherst, MA New York, NY - Intangible San Antonio, TX	Long Branch, NJ Fayetteville, AR Portland, OR Minneapolis, MN
Camp	Washington DC Austin, TX Omaha, NE New Orleans, LA	Albuquerque, NM Decatur, GA Oakland, CA Charlotte, NC
Great Waters	Lowell, MA Providence, RI Spokane, WA Pittsburgh, PA	Portland, ME Richmond, VA - Nahuatl Cleveland, OH El Paso, TX
History Theatre	Los Angeles, CA Boston, MA - L.L. Delray Beach, FL Oklahoma City, OK	Berkeley, CA Mesa, AZ Santa Cruz, CA Houston, TX - VIP
Lowry Lab Theater	Boston, MA - Cantab Killeen, TX Denver, CO - Nuba Columbus, OH - W.B.	Austin, TX Durham, NC San Jose, CA Silver City, NM
POP!	Boise, ID Houston, TX Madison, WI New York, NY - Nuyorican	Fort Worth, TX Detroit, MI San Diego, CA Oklahoma, OK
Wild Tymes	Irving, TX Denver, CO - Mercury Manchester, NH Orlando, FL	Flagstaff, AZ Fairfield, CA Chicago, IL - M.G. Tucson, AZ

Semifinals

FRIDAY, AUG. 6	8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Artists' Quarter	
Fitzgerald Theater	
History Theatre	
McNally Smith	

Team Finals

SATURDAY, AUG. 7	8:00 PM–10:30 PM
Roy Wilkins	

Scorecards

TUESDAY, AUG. 3 — *Preliminary Bout 1* — 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

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TUESDAY, AUG. 3 — *Preliminary Bout 2* — 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

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THURSDAY, AUG. 5 — *Preliminary Bout 2* — 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

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FRIDAY, AUG. 6 — *Semifinals* — 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

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SATURDAY, AUG. 7 — *Team Finals* — 8:00 PM–10:30 PM

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Map of Downtown

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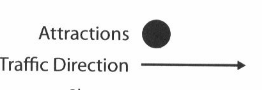
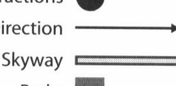
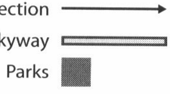
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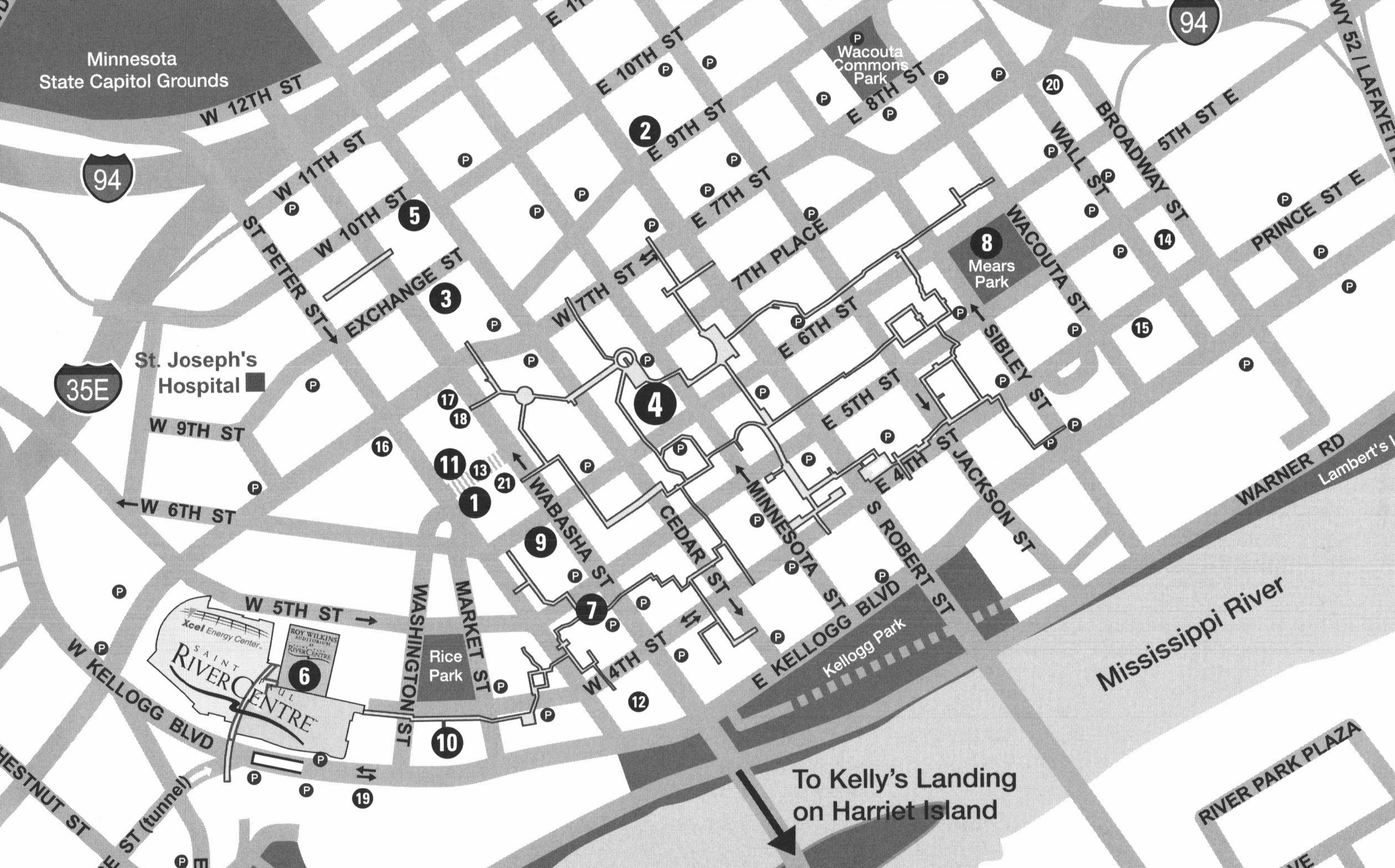
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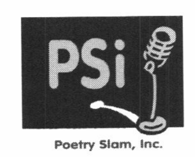
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And to you, for being here in the first place.

Getting Around

SKYWAYS

If the streets of St. Paul seem fairly quiet during the workday, it's because most of the people are in the skyways.

Minnesota is a state of extreme weather. Being outside isn't always an option, so they built us skyways. Pretty much a gerbil's habitrail (but for people). They are corridors and tunnels that run through the second floor of most buildings throughout downtown St. Paul, connected by enclosed bridges.

The St. Paul skyway system is a city within the city. Most people have no idea how many people, restaurants and businesses there are in this city until they walk the skyways for the first time.

Everything you need, you name it—goods, services, food, banking—and you will find it in the skyways.

Don't be shy, there are maps to guide you. Take a walk in the skyways and have fun.

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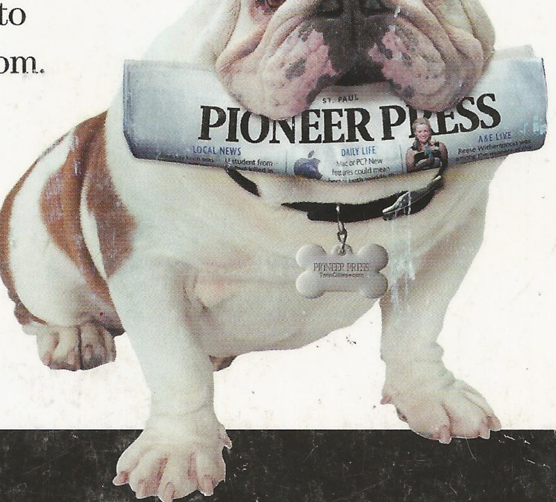
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